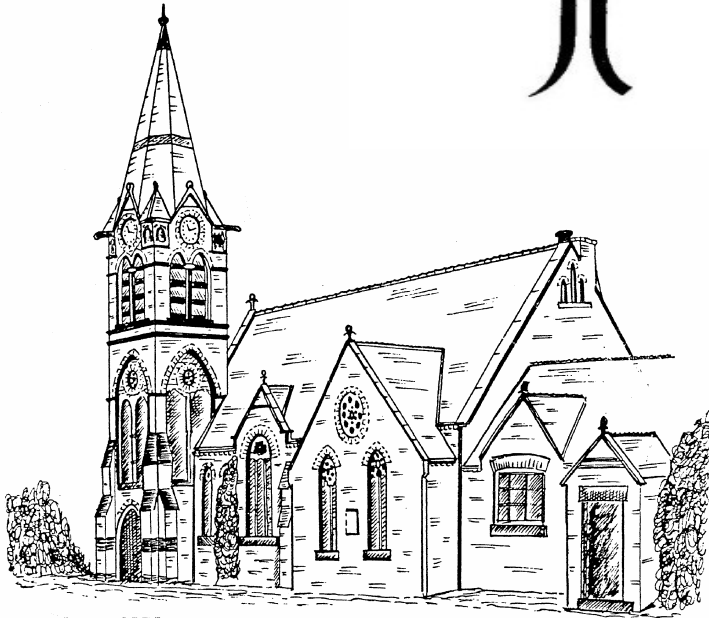


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May 2016

The Week at a Glance, Church Records, Birthday

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SUNDAY **10.30** Morning Worship with Junior Church
for children of all ages, and crèche.
Coffee etc. served at close of Worship.
Communion: 1st Sunday evening at **6.30 p.m.**
2nd Sunday morning at **10.30 a.m.**
Other Sunday evenings
8th, 15th, 22th and 29th : Prayer and Praise

Tuesday: 9.15 to 11.00 'Open House' (in term-time)
7 p.m. Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday 2 p.m. Friendship Hour (4th, 11th and 18th)

Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon Coffee Morning

Friday 6.30 & 8 p.m. Pilots (in term-time)

WEDDING

9th April Patrick Inderhaug and Siobhan Williams

ORDAINED AS AN ELDER OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

27th March: Stephen Seal

BIRTHDAYS

MEDINA AHMED

Medina will be eleven on 10th May She enjoys singing, dancing and drama and is looking forward to joining the after school clubs when she moves on in September. The Year six SATs will be over just before her eleventh birthday and so she intends to celebrate that at the same time.

She loves to go shopping, especially in her favourite store, Barker and Stonehouse, planning her furniture for when she eventually has her own home...although she loves her present Paris-themed bedroom.

On her birthday she wants to go shopping with her two closest friends and have a meal out. For presents she's hoping to get a sari and a mannequin for her room...anything else would be a welcome surprise!

PETER KISSACK

I am going to be sixteen on Tuesday 10th May this year, which also means that the dreaded GCSE exams are fast approaching – starting, for me, less than a week after my birthday. Over the last year I have performed in four plays at school (which have kept me incredibly busy), including the lead role in The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, for which I gained full marks as part of my GCSE drama coursework. I still have a healthy “obsession” with Doctor Who and am a huge fan of Peter Capaldi’s take on the eponymous role.

NAOMI DUCK

Happy Birthday to Naomi Duck, who will be eight on eighteenth May, and to her sister Keira, whose fifth birthday is on 22nd May. We hope they enjoy their celebrations.

MAX JOY

Max will be sixteen on 21st May, and, like Peter will be doing exams. He has starred in school productions over many years, the most recent being the title role in Sweeney Todd, a most colourful event. Good luck with the exams; Happy Birthday Max.

Prayer Network – Prayers for Concern in May

Hornsea Methodist Church

URC Yorkshire Synod Assembly

The Minister writes...

Dear Friends,

The day I write is the closing date for the competition run by The Natural Environment Research Council, open to all members of the public, to suggest and choose a name for its new £200m polar research vessel.

You will probably already have come across the story, and the surprising popularity of the competition, with hundreds of thousands taking part. And yes, the NERC has confirmed on that the votes were [overwhelmingly in favour](#) of naming the state-of-the-art ship 'Boaty McBoatface'. The suggestion received 124,109 votes from the Great British public.

The result may be very clear-cut, but equally clear is the improbability that the government will go with the popular vote. Jo Johnson, the science minister, signalled today that the government was preparing to activate its get-out clause. "The new royal research ship will be sailing into the world's iciest waters to address global challenges that affect the lives of hundreds of millions of people, including global warming, the melting of polar ice and rising sea levels," he said. "That's why we want a name that lasts longer than a social media news cycle and reflects the serious nature of the science it will be doing. There are many excellent suggestions among the 7,000 names put forward by members of the public and we'll make a decision as to which one should be put forward for the royal warrant when we've had a chance to review them all."

The story has certainly made me smile. It is one of the best illustrations in recent times of our national sense of humour, and our determination not to take ourselves too seriously. However I can equally see how embarrassing it would be in a few years time when the joke has worn thin, to see such an important vessel sailing international waters with a name so conspicuously lacking in gravitas.

The story holds a mirror up to our modern world, where social trends can take us in such unexpected directions in such determined ways and in such a short space of time. We humans have always been creatures with a bit of a herd instinct, prone to follow fads and fashions, but modern social media has amplified that tendency greatly.

The naming of a boat may be a fairly harmless 'trend', and we may be able to cite all kinds of ways in which trends on social media have worked for good. There have been some really heart-warming stories of the on-line community coming behind forgotten and vulnerable people in profound ways. Social media has the potential to make our world much more democratic and to give a voice to those who otherwise might not be heard.

As followers of Jesus, however, we should be particularly alert to the dangers of blindly following trends. As we move from Easter toward Pentecost we are drawn into the story of the very first followers of Jesus who were, in the stories we hear, a very small and insignificant group who were very definitely going against the trend of the world around them. They bravely carried the name 'Christian' when it could lead them into hardship, social isolation, persecution and even death. For some Christians in the world, that still holds true.

It is good, and sometimes fun, to have our finger on the pulse of what is trending in the world. We should be more determined, however, to hold fast to our faith when it takes us against that flow.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Kruach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J' and 'K'.

Our Social Diary

June Barton

The last of our Winter Lunches on Saturday 26 March was a welcome but quiet event with £140 being earned from hot soup and a roll. The weather was somewhat inclement so thank you to the brave souls who ventured out to enjoy some nourishment to revive them. In total our three lunches amassed £492.32. Well done to the soup and dessert makers!

Reminders: - for **Smartie tubes** to be returned please by Sunday 1 May and all those wishing to participate in our **URC's Got Talent** please let the team know what you will be performing on **Saturday 14 May at 2.00pm**.

On **Friday 27 May at 7.00pm** we will have a piano recital given by Graziana Presicce, an Italian music student studying at Hull University. As part of her course she has to include a public performance so let us give her support and plenty of encouragement and having heard her play I can highly recommend that you do not miss this occasion. Along with her music there will be Fairtrade wine and nibbles all included in the admission price of £6.50. An extra glass of wine will be £1. More details about the programme will be given nearer the time.

Saturday 28 May 10.00am to 3.00pm Gardeners' Fair. We would welcome all those seedlings and cuttings that you have been nurturing together with any garden related items. Table hire is £6 and light lunches will be available.

Advance notice:- Saturday 25 June will once again be our Strawberry Treats day which is combined with the Hornsea Musical Extravaganza weekend where you can dine with music.

Saturday 16 July is our Promise Auction from 3.00pm so let the team know what you would like to pledge so we can start compiling the catalogue. This will be followed by a fish & chip supper.

Friendship Hour

May is always a busy month for the Friendship Hour with two regular meetings and the Annual Rally at Scarborough to look forward to.

The Annual Assembly at Scarborough is on Wednesday 11th May, where Rev. Michael Mewis and Rev. Janet Lees will be speakers. This is an excellent day out with lunch at the Spa, and the chance to meet URC Church members from all across Yorkshire. Do speak to Doreen Rogers for further details and to book your seat on the bus.

The week before, Wednesday 4th May at 2 p.m., an event not to be missed, a concert by the homegrown Hornsea Ukelele Band! Make sure you are in your seat for 2 p.m.

The week after, on Wednesday 18th May, also at 2 p.m. we welcome a return visit from Rev. Robert Amos. I defy you to leave at the end of the afternoon without a smile on your face!

Christian Aid Week is 15 to 21 May

Who is My Neighbour?

Doreen Rogers

The Friendship Hour on April 6th concentrated entirely on Christian Aid when Jamie took the chair and Stephanie Cooper the CA Co-ordinator for our part of Yorkshire spoke most movingly.

We heard how working for Christian Aid had changed her life as she went on a number of exploratory visits to developing countries and met so many people whose lives personally and village wise had changed because of the help Christian Aid had given to charities already working in their areas. We heard how so many were given a chance to help

themselves and then to help others. The collection for the day amounted to £117 plus Gift Aid and all went to Christian Aid

The following day we held a Christian Aid bucket collection at Tesco and raised £167:65 plus Gift Aid It was an opportunity to tell people, especially inquisitive children, about the work. Thank you to all who took a one hour slot. Very successful!

Christian Aid Week this year sees the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the Inter Church Aid and Refugee Society which after a few years became Christian Aid. It was formed very soon after the Second World War when refugees were pouring into the UK from Europe. We have a similar situation today as people are pouring into Europe from the Middle East. Christian Aid is still there!

Unfortunately we in Hornsea will no longer be able to hold a house to house collection in Christian Aid Week this year. Thank you to all who have helped with that in Hornsea for many years.. Instead it is hoped that envelopes will be put in the pews in each church for the Sundays at either end of the week. ie May 8th and 15th.

It is also hoped that each Church will celebrate the anniversary by using some of the material produced by Christian Aid for the week in their services. This can be found on the CA website. The theme for the year is "Who is my Neighbour" focusing on Bangladesh. The 15th is also Pentecost, which is very appropriate.

Other Christian Aid dates in Hornsea so far arranged are, ""The Big Sing" in the URC on June 11th and a "Coffee Morning" in the Parish Hall on September 10th. Please support these to the best of your ability.

**Christian Aid Week
15 - 21 May**

Who is my neighbour?

Sunday 1st May: John 14.23-29

The 'farewell discourses' in John (13.31–17.26), Jesus' final words to his disciples after their last supper together, are reminiscent of the 'last words' or 'final testament' of leaders such as Jacob, Moses, and David. In a way that characterises such speeches, Jesus looks both to the past – to all he had said and done to make known the Father who sent him – and also to the future of all who will love him and keep his word, and receive in his name the Spirit whom the Father will send.

The readers of the Gospel are drawn into 'the hour' in which Jesus goes to his death, by Jesus explaining in advance its significance – that he is going to his Father. 'I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.' Only those who love Jesus and keep his word can see that his death is the outpouring of God's love. And both their love and their understanding is the work of the Spirit, another Paraclete or Advocate, who like Jesus does the Father's work of encouragement and reconciliation (rather than the world's work of condemnation and exclusion).

The Spirit is key to holding together the past and the future in a present moment that is always 'the hour' of Jesus' going to his loving Father, and, at the same time, 'the hour' of their (Father and Son) coming to those who love them. This is the Spirit working, always, 'to remind you of all that I have said to you', and bringing to all the peace of Christ, where troubled hearts can rejoice in the fulfilment of God's promise of abiding presence. 'I will make a covenant of peace with them; and...my dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people' (Ezekiel 37.26-27).

Sunday 8th May: John 17.20-26

These are Jesus' last words before he and his remaining disciples go out into the night, to the garden where Judas will meet them with the arresting Roman soldiers and Jewish police. Jesus has concluded his 'farewell discourses' with his prayer for his disciples. That prayer ends by including with the disciples 'those who will believe in me through their word', among them ourselves as readers of John's Gospel –

‘written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name’.

For the third time in John we hear that Jesus and his Father are one. It is in ‘the glory as of the Father’s only Son’ that we have seen the one and only God – ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone’. This glory is the one God’s presence with the chosen people to whom the promise was made, ‘I will take you as my people, and I will be your God’. So too, Jesus’ prayer holds together the unity of God with the unity of God’s people, and sees the glory of God in the divine presence with them. And more than that, Jesus lives as he prays, and his intercession for us is his living for us. And so, as his hour arrives and he prepares to go out into the garden, Jesus looks back to his ministry, ‘I made your name known to them’, and forward to his death and resurrection, ‘And I will make it known’. In his praying and by his living there is established a new intimacy of relationship between the one God and the one people of God.

Sunday 15th May: John 14.8-17,(25-27)

In John it is often in dialogue, particularly in responding to misunderstandings, that Jesus clarifies his teaching, drawing us readers into a deepening awareness of his significance. And Jesus’ engagement with his perplexed disciples also underlines the closeness of his relationship with them. Indeed the dialogue with Thomas and Philip arises from the intimate words that have comforted generations of his followers, ‘If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself’. Now Jesus invites his friends to look backwards, asking, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?’ And he urges them to look forwards, affirming, ‘The one who believes in me...will do greater works than these.’ Jesus has made the Father known by a human life shaped by love for others, shaped by the divine love that gives itself to the world: ‘I am in the Father and the Father is in me.’ Those who love Jesus, who keep his commandment by shaping their lives according to his love for them, will continue to embody God’s love for the world, doing ‘greater works’, not least by bringing many others to believe, and, through believing, to have life in his name.

Holding together past and future is the Spirit, described as ‘another Advocate’ who will continue Jesus’ work in his disciples once he has gone to his Father. Like Jesus, the Advocate will be on the disciples’ side, ‘the Spirit of truth’ encouraging them to see that Jesus’ humiliating death at human hands was in reality the glorious triumph of an unshakeable divine love. And as the Father dwells in the Son who still intercedes for those he loves, so the Spirit lives in those who lovingly ask in his name.

Sunday 22nd May: John 16.12-15

In the middle of the second century, Justin Martyr described the Eucharist received from ‘the apostles, in the memoirs composed by them, which are called Gospels’. Describing the ‘Gospels’ as ‘memoirs’ reminds us that each Gospel is good news ‘according to’, or as understood by, its particular writer. The Gospel linked since the second century with the name John testifies to the impact that Jesus had on ‘the disciple whom Jesus loved’, and on the community that came ‘to know that his testimony is true’.

John’s Gospel is transparent about the process of its coming into being as an apostolic memoir. We are led to understand the book as the work of the Spirit, guiding us into the truth about Jesus in the light of many years of reflection on his significance for his faithful followers. The ‘good news’ according to John expresses some of those ‘many things’ that Jesus did not say in his lifetime but which reveal the truth: that his itinerant life and public execution were nothing less than ‘the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth’. From the perspective of Jesus’ farewell discourses at the Last Supper, this ‘writing so we may believe’ is part of the future work of the Spirit: ‘He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you’.

Early in John we are offered a clear example of this understanding of the Spirit’s work in guiding Jesus’ followers into the truth of his relationship with his Father. We hear about Jesus’ actions and words in the Temple, driving out the dealers, quoting the Scriptures, and saying, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up’. We are then told that it was only ‘after he was raised from the dead, his disciples

remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken'. Brought to fullness of life by their encounter with the risen Jesus, his followers were able to bring together their study of the Jewish Scriptures and their remembering and retelling the story of Jesus. By such a process John's Gospel came into being: 'the Spirit of truth...will guide you into all the truth'.

Sunday 29th May: Luke 7.1-10

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus, the Word of God, is relevant to all humanity – both Jew and Gentile. In the genealogy at the beginning of the Gospel, Luke traces Jesus' lineage beyond Abraham to Adam to illustrate this point. The centurion knows, through his contact with the Jews in his community, that God responds to the needs of all people. The Jewish elders go to Jesus to ask him to help the centurion, because he has shown his openness to the faith by supporting them in the building of their synagogue. Not only does Jesus accept the opportunity to reach out to Gentiles, centurion and servant, but he praises the centurion by saying that nowhere in Israel has he found such faith.

In the preceding verses, Luke explores what living faith means; he concludes that faith is witnessed in action, the way we live out our lives. In this passage he illustrates how God's word is shown through action. The centurion knows that all that is necessary for healing to happen is for Jesus to speak the word. The power of the spoken word brings wholeness again.

This healing action focuses attention on another prominent theme in Luke's Gospel, healing (wholeness). Jesus acts to heal people so that they can have fulfilled lives, doing what God created them to do. But it is not just an act that makes the individual whole; healing has implications for communities too. Not only is the individual, a slave, the lowliest in his community, healed so that he can return to his normal life, the faith of the centurion is strengthened too, as is the relationship between the Jewish community and the Gentile centurion and his community.

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- The Humber Bridge Cross

Christian Aid and CAFOD's Humber Bridge Cross will take place on Saturday 7th May between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

This is a fun and friendly way to raise vital funds for the life-sustaining work that both these charities undertake and last year managed to raise around £12,000 (£1,000 of which recovered through Gift Aid).

If you would like to join with hundreds of Christians from all over the region for the 34th year of this important and safely run event then have a word with Margaret Knapton to book your place on the mini-bus and collect a sponsor form.

Thank you.

Or Try -

The Big Day Out – 10 September 2016 at FLAMINGO LAND

Margaret Knapton

This is an opportunity not to be missed and offers ALL members and friends of the United Reformed Church in Yorkshire the chance to meet together, share in all that Flamingo Land has to offer* as well as taking part in URC themed activities throughout the day and conclude with worship.

The day is based on the Pilots' Big Day out which takes place biannually. The Hornsea URC Pilots have attended 3 of these over the past few years and the one thing that never ceases to amaze, all who take part, is the sheer number of participants. It is an amazing experience and puts into perspective just how much we are part of a much bigger family.

The **Yorkshire Synod Big Day Out** will bring together hundreds of people from across Yorkshire, some of whom we will know and many we will not, to what promises to be a wonderful day.

We very rarely get the chance to meet and share with so many United Reformed Church members and if it is half as good as the Pilots' Big Day's Out, I can promise you that it will make you feel quite special to be a part of it.

*Flamingo Land has something for everyone with the Theme Park for the more adventurous; the Zoo for the inquisitive and the Conservation projects for the more inquiring, plus lots of places to sit and enjoy the surroundings or partake in a beverage or ice cream. **The cost of entry is £20** (normal entry being £37 and group entry usually £25) which is another good reason to book a place for the day. We hope to travel by coach - price and times will be confirmed when numbers are known.

This invitation is for **anyone** who would like to go – yourself, your family, your friends, your neighbours, people from other groups you may attend and not just people who live in Hornsea but others you may arrange to meet at Flamingo Land (we can buy their tickets at a reduced rate – so why not take advantage and meet up with other family members and friends you may not have seen for a while).

We have to **place provisional bookings** at the **beginning of May** and have payments in place by 20th May, at the very latest, as the organisers would like to send out tickets and park packs by the 1st June – sorry for the tight schedule but if you are like me the more time I have the more likely I am to be late!

Please book your place with me or sign the form in church a.s.a.p. and please spread the word it would be absolutely fantastic to have at least one coach load from Hornsea.

.....and then

A 'Winter Sun' Retreat

One of the ministers from our sister URCs in Hull, Rev Chris Dowd, has extended an invitation to any of our congregation in Hornsea who would like to join them on a Holiday/Retreat in January 2017 in Lanzarote. The dates for the trip are 16/1/17 - 23/1/17.

Participants choose between two themes to explore whilst away:

Either:

'Putting the New Testament into its Jewish perspective' led by Rev Dr Janet Tollington, Old Testament tutor at Westminster College. Find out more about the social context in which the New Testament happened. This is a more complex course. The course is run 3 five hour sessions.

Or:

Introducing Celtic Christianity led by Rev Dr Chris Dowd. Looking at our indigenous form of Christianity it's beliefs and practices. This is a lighter option. The course is run 3 five hour sessions.

Approximate prices

Half Board Single room £428 (+ £20 towards Janet's flight)

Half Board Double £660 (£330 each) (+ £40 towards Janet's flight)

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At Galeon Playa, you get to enjoy the privilege of staying in a quiet complex whilst being right in the centre of Lanzarote's finest tourist resort.

Other Costs

There are 2 free days in which people can either pay to go on organised tours, spend a day at a spa, sit on the beach or explore by themselves. Half board also means that lunch is not included so you would need to buy lunch or make sandwiches in your room.

How do I book?

If you are interested, please speak to Jamie, who will put you in touch with Chris.

Dates for Singing in the Residential Homes

The Promenade: Monday 9th May at 2.30 p.m.

Stuart House Tuesday 10th May at 3 p.m.

Summernote Hall: Thursday 26th May at 2 p.m.

Do go along and help make a joyful noise

More iPads!

A new four week beginners' iPad series starts on Fridays – 20th and 27th May and 3rd and 10th June at 10.30 a.m. If this is new to you, do think about coming along, Sarah Darlington is gathering names. Alongside this, the 12 noon iPad Social Network Group hopes to start up again on each of these weeks if there is enough interest. Have a work with Sarah or Jamie.

More Singing,

Coming to Hornsea URC in June

THE BIG SING

Saturday 11th June at 6.30 pm

Singers, non-singers those who love hymns old and new

Will gather to worship God in all sorts of song.

You can sing too!

**Rehearsals: 7 p.m. Thursdays 12th, 19th 26th May
2nd, 9th June**

All proceeds to Christian Aid

Traidcraft - Empowering change in one of the world's poorest places

Margaret Knapton

Odisha is a region in eastern India – a region where life is tough and so many people find it hard to get through each day. It's recognised as one of the world's poorest regions with around 70 per cent of people living in terrible poverty.

Odisha is rural and hot. That's why Traidcraft's work in this region is so important - without their help, farming families would struggle terribly to provide their families with a secure future.

At the end of 2015, Roderick Stuart, Traidcraft's Head of Communications, visited some of the farmers being supported by

Traidcraft to grow high-quality organic cotton. The project is transforming their lives - their growing and cultivation techniques are being transformed, as is their ability to access local markets and save money for the future.

He said, "I met Suvudha – a woman farmer whose story is upsetting, yet incredibly inspirational. She spoke of how she used to make a living foraging in the forest for anything she could sell, like sticks, wood and leaves and estimated that on most days she would earn as little as five rupees a day, that's about five pence.

What was worse is that her husband was an alcoholic, often taking anything she did earn to buy drink. Her life sounded hopeless and her self-esteem was at rock bottom.

But since joining the project, her life has been completely transformed. She's now growing enough cotton to make, by local standards, a reasonable living.

Apart from that though, her self-confidence level has rocketed – she's a mentor to other farmers nearby on how to improve the way they grow. What's more, her husband has given up drinking and works closely with

her in the fields to grow the finest cotton possible. Her life is now amazingly positive, so sharply contrasting the way it was before. She's a true inspiration to others."

Everyone who buys Traidcraft products is a part of this success story too – so thank you to all who buy from our stall.

June Newsletter If you are thinking of putting something in the next Newsletter, please speak to Sarah or Jane **NOW** so space can be reserved. After the deadline is too late to save space. Last date **Friday 13th May**. This should be available on Sunday 5 June, and sooner on the church website. Please give or email material to jane.martin303@btinternet.com or sarah.darlington538@gmail.com
Thank you.

